AT THE

COUNCIL-CHAMBER

IN

WHITEHALL,

Monday the 22. of *October*, 1688.

THis day an Extraordinary Council met, where were likewise Present, by His Majesties Desire and Appointment, Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, and such of the Peers of this Kingdom, both Spiritual and Temporal, as were in Town. And also the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, The Judges, and several of Their Majesties Council Learn'd, hereafter Named.

The Kings Moſt Excellent Majeſty.

Her Majeſty the Queen Dowager in a Chair placed on the Kings Right Hand.

His R. H. Pr. *George* of *Denmark*,
Lord Chancellor,
Lord Preſident,
Lord Privy Seal,
Duke of *Hamilton*,
Lord Chamberlain,
Earl of *Oxford*,
Earl of *Huntingdon*,
Earl of *Peterborow*,
Earl of *Craven*,
Earl of *Berkeley*,
Earl of *Rocheſter*,
Earl of *Moray*,
Earl of *Middleton*,
Earl of *Melfort*,
Earl of *Caſtlemain*,
Viſcount *Preſton*,
Lord *Bellaſyſe*,
Lord *Godolphin*,
Lord *Dover*,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Maſter of the Rolls,
L. Ch. Juſtice *Herbert*,
Sir *Thomas Strickland*,
Sir *Nicholas Butler*,
Mr. *Titus*.

Lord

Lord A.B. of *Canterbury*,
Duke of *Norfolke*,
Duke of *Grafton*,
Duke of *Ormond*,
Duke of *Northumberland*,
Marquess of *Halyfax*,
Earl of *Pembroke*,
Earl of *Salisbury*,
Earl of *Clarendon*,
Earl of *Cardigan*,
Earl of *Ailesbury*,
Earl of *Burlington*,
Earl of *Litchfeild*,
Earl of *Feversham*,
Earl of *Nottingham*,
Viscount *Newport*,
Viscount *Weymouth*,
Bishop of *London*,
Bishop of *Winchester*,
Bishop of *Rochester*,
Bishop of *Chester*,
Bishop of St. *Davids*,
Lord *North*,
Lord *Chandos*,
Lord *Mountagu*,
Lord *Herbert* of *Chirbury*,
Lord *Vaughan* Earl of *Carbery*,
Lord *Colepeper*,
Lord *Churchill*,
Lord *Waldegrave*.

The Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*.

Sir

Sir *Robert Wright*, Lord Chief Juſtice of the Kings Bench.

Sir *Thomas Powel*, Sir *Robert Baldock*, } Juſtices of the Kings Bench.

Sir *Thomas Street*, Sir *Edward Lutwich*, Sir *Thomas Jennor*, } Juſtices of the Common Pleas.

Sir *Richard Heath*, Sir *Charles Ingleby*, Sir *John Rotheram*, } Barons of the Exchequer.

Sir *John Maynard*, Sir *John Holt*, Sir *Ambroſe Philips*, } His Majeſties Serjeants at Law.

Sir *Thomas Powis*, His Majeſties Attorney General.

Sir *William Williams*, His Majeſties Solicitor General.

Sir *James Butler*.

Mr. *North*, the Queens Attorney.

Mr. *Mountagu*, the Queens Solicitor.

Sir *Charles Porter*.

To

To whom His Majesty Spake to this Effect.

My Lords,

I Have called you together upon a very extraordinary Occasion; but extraordinary Diseases must have extraordinary Remedies. The Malicious Endeavours of my Enemies have so poisoned the Minds of some of my Subjects, that by the Reports I have from all hands, I have Reason to believe, That very many do not think this Son with which God hath blessed Me, to be Mine, but a Supposed Child. But I may say, that by particular Providence, scarce any Prince was ever Born where there were so many Persons present.

I have taken this time to have the Matter Heard and Examined here, Expecting that the Prince of

Orange, with the first Eastwardly Wind, will Invade this Kingdom: And as I have often ventured My Life for the Nation before I came to the Crown, so I think My Self more obliged to do the same, now I am KING; and do intend to go in Person against him, whereby I may be exposed to Accidents, and therefore I thought it necessary to have this now done, in order to satisfie the minds of My Subjects, and to prevent this Kingdom's being engaged in Blood and Confusion after My Death, desiring to do always what may contribute most to the Ease and Quiet of My Subjects, which I have shewed by Securing to them their Liberty of Conscience, and the Enjoyment of their Properties, which I will always preserve.

I have desired the Queen Dowager to give Her Self the trouble to come hither, to Declare what she knows of the Birth of My Son, and

moſt of the Ladies, Lords, and other Perſons who were preſent, are ready here to Depoſe upon Oath their Knowledge of this Matter.

Whereupon the Queen Dowager was pleaſed to ſay,

THat when the King ſent for her to the Queens Labour, ſhe came as ſoon as ſhe could, and never ſtirred from her till ſhe was Delivered of the Prince of *Wales*.

Catherina R.

And

And the following Depositions were all taken upon Oath.

Elizabeth *Lady Marchioness of* Powis *Deposeth,*

THat about the 29th of *December* last, the Queen was likely to Miscarry; whereupon she immediately went unto her, and offered her some effectual Remedies, which are made use of on the like Occasion; which the Queen ordered this Deponent to acquaint the Doctors with. The Day following the Queen Dowager sent this Deponent to see how the Queen did; who replied, She had a pretty good Night, and did think she had Quickned, but would not be positive till she felt it again; That after this the Deponent did frequently wait on the Queen in the Morning, and did see her Shift her several Days, and generally saw the Milk, and sometimes Wet upon her Smock. That some time, after this Deponent went into the Country, and came not up till a few Days before the Queen was brought to Bed; and from the time of this Deponents Return, she saw the Queen every Day till she was brought to Bed, and was in the Room a Quarter of an hour before, and at the time of her Delivery of the Prince by Mrs. *Wilks* Her Majesties Midwife, which this Deponent saw, and immediately went with the Prince, carried by Mrs. *Delabadie* into the Queens little Bedchamber, where she saw Sir *Thomas Witherley* sent for by the Midwife, who gave the Child Three Drops of something which came into the World with him, which this Deponent saw done; And this Deponent doth Aver, this Prince to be the same Child which was then born, and that she has never been from him one Day since.

Eliza. Powis.

Anne *Countess of* Aran *Deposeth*,

THat she went to the Queen from *Whitehall* to St. *James's* as soon as she heard that her Majesty was in Labour ; When she came, she found the Queen in Bed, complaining of little Pains ; The Lady *Sunderland*, Lady *Roscomon*, Mrs. *Labadie*, and the Midwife, were on that side of the Bed where the Queen lay ; and this Deponent, with a great many others, stood on the other side all the time till the Queen was Delivered ; As soon as her Majesty was Delivered, she said, *O Lord, I don't hear the Child Cry*, and immediately upon that, this Deponent did hear it Cry, and saw the Midwife take the Child out of the Bed, and give it to Mrs. *Labadie*, who carried it into the little Bed-Chamber, where she, this Deponent, followed her, and saw that it was a Son, and that likewise she, the Deponent, hath several times seen Milk run out upon the Queens Smock during her being with Child.

A. Aran.

Penelope *Countess of* Peterborow *Deposeth*,

THat she was often with the Queen, while her Majesty was last with Child, and saw the Milk often upon her Majesties Smock, when she, the Deponent, took it off from the Queen ; and often saw her Majesties Belly so as it could not be otherwise but that she was with Child. That the said Deponent stood by the Bedside on the 10th of *June* last in the Morning, while the Queen was Delivered of the Prince of *Wales*.

P. Peterborow.

Anne *Countes of* Sunderland *Deposeth*,

THat *June* the 10th 1688, being *Trinity Sunday*, the Deponent went to St. *James*'s Chappel at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, intending to Receive the Sacrament; but in the beginning of the Communion Service, the Man which looks to the Chappel came to the Deponent, and told her, she must come to the Queen; The Deponent said, She would as soon as Prayers were done; In a very little time after, another Man came up to the Altar to the Deponent, and said, The Queen was in Labour, and the Deponent must come to her Majesty, who then went directly to the Queens Bed-Chamber. As soon as the Deponent came in, her Majesty told her, this Deponent, She believed she was in Labour. By this time the Bed was warmed, and the Queen went into Bed, and the King came in. The Queen asked the King, if he had sent for the Queen Dowager; He said he had sent for every body. The said Deponent stood at the Queens Bolster, the Lady *Roscomon*, Mrs. *Delabadie*, and the Midwife, on that side of the Bed where the Queen was Delivered. After some lingring Pains, the Queen said, she feared she should not be brought to Bed a good while; but enquiring of the Midwife, she assured her Majesty, that she wanted only one thorow Pain to bring the Child into the World; Upon which the Queen said, It is impossible, the Child lies so high, and commanded this Deponent to lay her Hand on her Majesties Belly, to feel how high the Child lay, which the Deponent did; but soon after a great Pain came on at past Nine of the Clock, and the Queen was Delivered; which the Midwife by pulling the Deponent by the Coat, assured her was a Son, it being the Sign she told the Deponent she would give her, the Queen having charged her not to let her Majesty know presently,

ſently, whether it was Son or Daughter. As ſoon as the Midwife had given the Deponent the Sign, the Deponent made a Sign to the King that it was a Son. When the Midwife had done her Office, ſhe gave the Child to Mrs. *Delabadie*, which was a Son, and ſhe carried it into the little Bed-Chamber.

A. Sunderland.

Iſabella *Counteſs of* Roſcomon *Depoſeth*,

THat on the 10*th* of *June* laſt, ſhe ſtood by the Lady *Sunderland* in the Queens Bed-Chamber, while the Queen was in Labour, and ſaw the Prince of *Wales*, when he was taken out of the Bed by the Midwife.

J. Roſcomon.

Margaret *Counteſs of* Fingall *Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe waited on the Queen Dowager her Miſtreſs into the Queens Bed-Chamber at St. *James*'s, when the Queen was in Labour, and ſtood by the Beds Feet, when her Majeſty was Delivered of the Prince. That the Deponent ſaw the Prince carried away into another Room, and ſoon after followed, and ſaw him in that Room.

Marg. Fingall.

Lady Sophia Bulkeley *Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was ſent for on *Trinity Sunday* laſt paſt about Eight a Clock in the Morning to go to St. *James*'s; for the Man that came, ſaid the Queen was in Labour, and he, and others were ſent to call every Body. That this Deponent made as much haſte as ſhe could to riſe and be dreſt, but did not get

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to the Queens Bed-Chamber until a little after Nine a Clock, and then this Deponent found the Queen in her Bed, and the Queen Dowager there ſet upon a Stole, and ſome of the Ladies about her. After this Deponent having ſtaid a little while, and thinking the Queen in no ſtrong Pain, ſhe, this Deponent, went out, and, being next to the Room where the Queens Linen was a warming, heard a noiſe, and lookt to ſee what was the matter, and finding no body there, this Deponent ran and found the Lord *Feverſham* in the Queens little Bed-Chamber, who told this Deponent the Child was juſt born; This Deponent ask't him, What is it? His Lordſhip ſaid he could not tell. So this Deponent ran on to the Queens Beds ſide, and heard the Queen ſay to the Midwife, Pray, Mrs. *Wilks*, don't part the Child (which ſignifies, don't cut the Navel String, until the after-Birth is come away.) And while the Queen was with Child, this Deponent hath heard her Majeſty Command her Midwife not to do otherwiſe, it being counted much the ſafeſt way; But to what the Queen ſaid juſt then (to the beſt of this Deponents Remembrance) Mrs. *Wilks* replyed, Pray Madam give me leave, for I will do nothing, but what will be ſafe for Your Self and Child; The Queen Anſwered, Do then, and then cryed, where is the King gone; His Majeſty came immediately from the other ſide of the Bed (from juſt having a ſight of the Child) and anſwered the Queen, Here I am; the Queen ſaid, Why do you leave me now? The King kneeled on the Bed, on that ſide where the Deponent ſtood, and a little after the Midwife ſaid, All is now come ſafe away; Upon that the King roſe from the Bed, and ſaid, Pray, my Lords, come and ſee the Child: The King followed Mrs. *Labadie*, and the Lords His Majeſty, into the Little Bed-Chamber, where this Deponent followed alſo, and ſaw as well as they, that it was a Prince, and that Mrs. *Wilks* was in the right to deſire to part the Child, For the Princes Face, eſpecially

cially his Forehead was blackiſh, being ſtunn'd, as I have ſeen ſome other Children, when they have been juſt newly come into the World; but God be thanked, in two hours time that he was dreſt and waſht, (which the Deponent ſtaid by and ſaw done) the Prince lookt very freſh and well. This Deponent doth further add, That all the while, the Queen was with Child, this Deponent had the honour to pay her Duty very often Mornings and Nights, in waiting upon her Majeſty in her Dreſſing Room and Bed-chamber, and for the laſt three or four Months, this Deponent hath oftentimes ſeen the Queens Milk, as well as when this Deponent hath had the honor to put on her Majeſties Smock.

S. Bulkeley.

Suſanna *Lady* Bellaſyſe *Depoſeth,*

THat on *Trinity Sunday* the 10th of *June* laſt, the Deponents Servant ſeeing the Queen Dowagers Coaches in St. *James's* at an unuſual hour, went and asked the Occaſion, and was told the Queen was in Labour; whereupon he came into the Deponents Chamber, and awaked her; That the Queen having come to Lodge at St. *James's* but the Night before, they being in a great hurry, forgot to call the Deponent as her Majeſty had ordered; That the Deponent made all the haſte ſhe could into her Majeſties Bed-chamber, and found the Queen in Bed, and Mrs *Wilks* her Majeſties Midwife, ſitting by the Bedſide, with her Hands in the Queens Bed; The Queen asked her the ſaid Midwife, what ſhe thought? Mrs *Wilks* aſſured her Majeſty, that at the next great Pain the Child would be born; Whereupon the King ordered the Privy Councillors to be called in; That this Deponent ſtood behind the Midwifes Chair, and immediately after the Queens having another great Pain, the Prince was born; That this Deponent ſaw the Child taken out of the Bed w h

the Navel-ſtring hanging to its Belly; That this Deponent opened the Receiver, and ſaw it was a Son, and not hearing the Child cry, and ſeeing it a little black, ſhe was afraid it was in a Convulſion Fit.

S. Belliſſe.

Henrietta *Lady* Waldegrave *Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe was in the Queens Bed-Chamber a quarter of an hour before her Majeſty was Delivered, and ſtanding by the Bedſide, ſhe ſaw the Queen in Labour, and heard her cry out much.

Henrietta Waldegrave.

Mrs. Mary Crane, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen Dowager, Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe went with the Queen Dowager to the Queens Labour on the Tenth of *June* laſt, and never ſtirred out of the Room till the Queen was Delivered.

That this Deponent did not follow the Child, when it was firſt carried out of the Room, but ſtaid in the Bed-chamber, and ſaw all that was to be ſeen after the Birth of a Child. That ſhe, the Deponent, then went to ſee the Prince, and found him look ill, and immediately went to the King, and told his Majeſty ſhe feared the Child was ſick; That his Majeſty went immediately to the Prince, and came back and ſaid it was a miſtake, the Child was very well.

Mary Crane.

Dame

Dame Iſabella Wentworth, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe often ſaw the Milk of her Majeſties Breaſt upon her Smock, at which the Queen was troubled, it being a common ſaying, that it was a ſign the Child would not live. And that ſhe, the Deponent, did once feel the Child ſtir in the Queens Belly while her Majeſty was in Bed, and that ſhe was preſent when the Child was Born, and ſtaid till ſhe heard it cry, and then went to fetch Vineger for the Queen to ſmell to; ſhe, the Deponent, heard the Queen command the Midwife not to tell her of what Sex it was, for fear of ſurprizing her Majeſty: When the Deponent brought the Vineger, ſhe did deſire to ſee the Child, Mrs. *Delabadie* having it in her Arms. The Child looked black, whereupon the Deponent deſired Doctor *Waldegrave* to look to it, believing it was not well: That the Deponent ſaw the Navel-ſtring of the Child cut, and three drops of the Blood, which came freſh out, given to him for the Convulſion Fits.

Iſabella Wentworth.

Dame Catherine Sayer, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen Dowager, Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe waited on the Queen Dowager to the Queens Labour, and was all the time by the Bedſide, and ſtood there, till the Queen was Delivered, and followed the Child, when it was carried by Mrs. *Delabadie* to the little Bed-Chamber, and took a warm Napkin and laid it on the Childs Breaſt, believing the Child was not well.

Catharina Sayer.

Dame Iſabella Waldegrave, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe was conſtantly with the Queen, when her Majeſty was likely to miſcarry, and had often ſeen Milk on her Majeſties Breaſts, and was with the Queen at the time of her Labour with the Prince, and ſaw the Prince taken out of the Bed, and went after Mrs. *Delabadie* with the Prince in her Arms into the little Bed-chamber, and was by when the Child was ſhewn to the King that it was a Son; and this Deponent took the After-burthen, and put it into a Baſon of Water, and carried it into the Queens Cloſet.

Iſabella Valdegrave.

Mrs. Margaret Dawſon, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth,*

THat on the Tenth of *June* laſt, in the morning, ſhe was ſent for by the Queen out of St. *James*'s Chappel, where ſhe was at Prayers, and that coming up into the Queens Chamber, ſhe found her ſitting all alone upon a ſtool by the Beds-head, when the Queen ſaid to her, this Deponent, ſhe believed her ſelf in Labour, and bid her, the Deponent, get the Tallate bed, which ſtood in the next Room, to be made ready quickly for her; but that Bed having never been aired, the Deponent perſwaded the Queen not to make uſe of it: After which the Queen bid the Deponent make ready the Bed ſhe came out of, which was done accord-

accordingly. The Deponent further ſaith, That ſhe ſaw fire carried into the Queens Room in a Warming-Pan to warm the Bed, after which the Queen went into her Bed, and that the Deponent ſtirred not from the Queen until her Majeſty was Delivered of a Son. That ſhe this Deponent well remembers, that on the 29th. of *December* laſt her Majeſty was afraid of Miſcarrying, which was about the time ſhe quickned; and that after the Queen had gone 22 weeks with Child, her Majeſties Milk began to run, which ſhe the Deponent often ſaw upon her Smock, and that the 9th of *May* her Majeſty apprehended Miſcarrying again with a fright.

Margaret Dawſon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bromley *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe was ſick all Winter, till a little before Eaſter laſt, when ſhe the Deponent came into waiting; That from that time till the Queen was brought to bed, ſhe the Deponent ſaw the Queen put on her Smock every morning, by which means ſhe ſaw the Milk conſtantly fall out of her Majeſties Breaſts, and obſerved the bigneſs of her Majeſties Belly, which could not be counterfeit. That the Deponent came from *Whitehall* to the Queens Labour to St. *James's* the Tenth of *June* laſt, and remained in the Room till the Queen was Delivered and afterwards; but did not follow the Child, till ſome time after, when ſhe the Deponent went to ſee what coloured Eyes he had.

Elizabeth Bromley.

Mrs. Pelegrina Turini *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, Deposeth,*

THat she constantly attended the Queen, when she was last with Child, and that on the 10*th* of *June* last, she was in waiting on her Majesty, who called her on the said 10*th* of *June* in the Morning, and told her the Deponent, she was in Pain, and bid her send for the Midwife, her Ladies and Servants, after which she the Deponent staid with the Queen during her Labour, and until she was delivered of the Prince of *Wales*.

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Pelegrina X Turini.

Mrs. Anna Cary, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen Dowager, Deposeth,*

THat she waited on the Queen Dowager from *Somerset*-House to St. *James*'s the day the Queen was brought to Bed, and went into the Queens Bed-chamber where she this Deponent staid, till the Queen was Delivered, and saw the Prince as soon as he was born.

Anna Cary.

Mrs. Mary Anne Delabadie, *Dry Nurse to the Prince, Deposeth,*

THat she was with the Queen all the time her Majesty was with Child and drest her every day, and in all the Nine Months did not miss above six days, and that at several times by reason of sickness.

That

That on *Sunday* Morning the 10*th* of *June* laſt, ſhe the Deponent was ſent for to the Queen, who was in Labour, That the Deponent came preſently, and was with the Queen all the time of her Labour, and that kneeling down by the Midwife, giving her Clothes for the Queen, the Midwife told this Deponent, that immediately on the next Pain, the Queen would be Delivered, which accordingly ſhe was. That this Deponent whiſpered to the Midwife, asking whether it was a Girle, ſhe anſwered No; whereupon the Midwife parted the Child, and put it into the Receivor (that the Deponent had given her) and then delivered the Child to the Deponent, and bid her go and carry it to the Fire, and take care of the Navel, which this Deponent did, and the King and Council followed her, and the King asked this Deponent, what it was, who anſwered, what he deſired; The King replyed, But let me ſee, whereupon the Deponent preſently ſhewed His Majeſty that it was a Son, and the Privy Counſellors then preſent ſaw it one after another. The Deponent ſate with the Prince in her Lap, till the Midwife had done with the Queen, then the Midwife came and took the Prince from this Deponent, and asked for a Spoon for to give it three drops of the Bloud of the Navel String, which the Midwife cut off by the Advice of the Phyſicians, who ſaid, it was good againſt Fits. That the Deponent held the Spoon when the Midwife dropt the Bloud into it, and ſtir'd it with a little Black Cherry Water, and then it was given to the Prince; That the Queen ſent for this Deponent, and gave her the Prince to take care of him in quality of Dry Nurſe, which ſhe has hitherto done; and further depoſeth it to be the ſame Child that was born of the Queen. And that Mrs. *Danvers* one of the Princeſs of *Denmarks* Women, and formerly Nurſe to the Lady *Iſabella*, coming to ſee the Prince, ſhe told this Deponent, ſhe was glad to ſee the ſame Marks upon his Eye, as the Queens former Children had.

Sm

Mary Anne D'labadie.

Mrs. Judith Wilks *Deposeth*,

THat being the Queens Midwife, she came often to her, especially when her Majesty was in any danger of Miscarrying, and many times felt the Child stir in her Belly, and saw the Milk run out of her Majesties Breasts; That on *Trinity Sunday* last in the Morning about Eight of the Clock, the Queen sent Mr. *White*, Page of the Back-stairs, to call her this Deponent, believing her self in Labour when the Deponent came: she found the Queen in great Pain and Trembling; The Queen told her she feared it was her Labour, it being near the time of her first Reckoning, she the Deponent desired her Majesty not to be afraid, saying, she did not doubt that it was her full time, and hoped her Majesty would have as good Labour as she always had; and whilst her Majesty was sitting trembling, her Water broke, and immediately she sent for the King, he being gone to his own Side, and let him know in what Condition she was, and desired him to send for whom he pleased to be present. The Queen ordered this Deponent to send for Mrs. *Dawson* and the rest of her Women; Mrs. *Dawson* came presently, and the Countess of *Sunderland* with her, and the rest of the Women also; That most of them saw her this Deponent make the Bed fit for the Queen to be Delivered in; which when it was ready, her Majesty was put into, and about Ten a Clock that Morning the Queen was Delivered of the Prince of *Wales* by her this Deponents assistance, and afterwards she the Deponent shewed the After-burthen to the Physicians, and before them the Deponent cut the Navel-string, & gave the Prince Three drops of his Bloud, to prevent Convulsion Fits, according to their Order. And this Deponent further saith, That when the Child was born, it not crying, the Queen said she thought it was dead, this Deponent assured her Majesty it was not,

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and desired Leave to part the Child from the After-burthen: which the Queen was unwilling to have done, thinking it might be dangerous to her self; but the Deponent assuring her Majesty it would not, her Majesty gave Consent; whereupon the Child presently cried, and then the Deponent gave it to Mrs. *Labadie*.

Judith Wilkes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pearse, *Laundress to the Queen, Deposeth,*

THat about Nine of the Clock on the 10th of *June* last in the morning, she came into the Bed-chamber, and heard the Queen cry out, being in great pain, in which she continued until her Delivery; after which she the Deponent saw the Prince of *Wales* given by the Midwife to Mistress *Labadie*; That immediately after the Deponent saw the Midwife hold up the After-burthen, shewing it to the Company, and then the Deponent fetcht her Maids, and with them took away all the foul Linen hot as they came from the Queen; That for a month after her Majesties Lying-in, the Deponent well knows by the washing of her Linen, that the Queen was in the same Condition that all other Women use to be on the like Occasion; And that some time after her Quickning it appeared by her Smocks, that her Majesty had Milk in her Breasts, which continued until she was brought to Bed, and afterwards during the usual time.

Elizabeth Pearse.

Frances *Dutchess of* Richmond *and* Lenox, *Deposeth,*

THat she the Deponent was not at the Queens Labour, because she did not know it time enough, but as soon as she did, she made all the haste she could

to dreſs her; but the Queen was Delivered before ſhe the Deponent came; And that at a time when the Queen apprehended ſhe ſhould Miſcarry, and the Phyſicians made her Majeſty keep her Bed for that Reaſon, the Deponent went one Evening to wait upon her Majeſty, and as ſhe ſtood by her Bed-ſide, her Majeſty ſaid to her, *My Milk is now very troubleſom, it runs out ſo much.* The Deponent asked the Queen if it uſed to do ſo; who Anſwered, *It uſed to run out a little, but now the Fright I am in of Miſcarrying, makes it run out very much, as you may ſee,* throwing down the Bed-clothes to the middle of her Stomach, and ſhewing her Smock upon her Breaſt to the ſaid Deponent, which was very wet with her Milk.

F. Richmond & Lenox.

Charlotte *Counteſs of* Lichfeild, *Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe was not at the Queens Labour, (being in Child-bed her ſelf) but that ſhe was almoſt conſtantly with the Queen, while ſhe was with Child, and hath put on her Smock, and Seen the Milk run out of her Breaſt, and felt her Belly; ſo that ſhe is ſure ſhe could not be deceived, but that the Queen was with Child.

C. Lichfeild.

Anne *Counteſs of* Mariſchall, *Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe was ſeveral times in the Queens Bed-Chamber when ſhe Shifted her ſelf, and hath ſeen her Smock ſtain'd with her Milk; That ſhe was not at the Queens Labour, tho' ſent to by one of her Ladies, being ſick of a Fever; but do's in her Conſcience believe her Majeſty was with Child, both by her Belly and her Milk.

A. Mariſchall.

George *Lord* Jeffreys, *Lord Chancellor of* England, *Depoſeth,*

THat he being ſent for to St. *James's* on the Tenth of *June* laſt by a Meſſenger that left word the Queen was in Labour; ſoon after he, this Deponent, came to St. *James's*, and was ſent for into the Queens Bed-chamber, and to the beſt of his, the Deponents apprehenſion the Queen was in Labour, and had a Pain or two to the beſt of the Deponents remembrance, before the reſt of the Lords were called in. The Deponent ſtood all the time at the Queens Bed ſide, and heard Her cry out ſeveral times as Women in Travail uſe to do, and at length after a long pain, it was by ſome of the Women on the other ſide of the Bed ſaid the Child was born. The Deponent heard the Queen ſay, She did not hear it Cry. The Deponent immediately asked the Lord Preſident what it was, he whiſpered that it was a Boy, which the Deponent underſtood he had hinted to him by the Lady *Sunderland*. Immediately the Deponent ſaw a Gentlewoman, who he hath ſince heard her Name to be Mrs. *Labadie*, carry the Child into another Room, whether the Deponent followed, and ſaw the Child when ſhe firſt open'd it, and ſaw it was black and reaking; ſo that it plainly ſeemed to this Deponent to have been newly come from the Womb. The Deponent doth therefore Depoſe, he doth ſtedfaſtly believe the Queen was Delivered of that Child that very morning.

Jeffreys. C.

Robert *Earl of* Sunderland, *Lord Preſident of His Majeſties Privy-Council, and Principal Secretary of State, Depoſeth,*

THat on *Sunday* morning the 10th of *June* laſt, he was ſent to, to come to St. *James's*, the Queen being in Labour. The Deponent immediately went, and

and found many Lords of the Council there. After having been some time in an outward Room, first the Lord Chancellor, and then the rest of the Council were called into the Queens Bed-chamber, where in a short time her Majesty was brought to Bed. The Deponent saw Mrs. *Labadie* carry the Child into the next Room, whither the Deponent followed, with many more, and saw it was a Son, and had the Marks of being new born.

Sunderland P.

Henry *Lord* Arundell *of* Wardour, *Lord Privy Seal, Deposeth,*

THat on the 10th of *June* last, being *Sunday*, he had notice given him that the Queen was in Labour; whereupon the Deponent repaired to St. *James's* betwixt Nine and Ten of the Clock in the morning, where he found several Lords of the Council; In a little time after they were all called into the Queens Bed-chamber; in less than a quarter of an hour after, she fell into the sharpness of her Labour, her Cries were so vehement, and especially the last, that the Deponent could not forbid himself the being concern'd for her great Pain; which the Deponent expressing to the Lord Chancellor, he told the Deponent it was a sign her Majesty would the sooner be Delivered, or words to that purpose, which proved very true, for presently after she was so; The Deponent heard a whispering up and down that it was a Prince, for no man was permitted to speak it aloud, lest the sudden knowledge of it might have discomposed the Queen; The Deponent did not go in with some Lords when the Child was carried into the next Room, which was the occasion the Deponent did not see him when he was uncovered and drest.

Arundell C. P. S.

John *Earl of Mulgrave, Lord Chamberlain of His Majeſties Houſhold, ſaith, it is not to be expected one of his ſex ſhould be able to give full Evidence in ſuch a matter, but Depoſeth,*

THat he was juſt at the Beds Feet, and heard the Queen Cry very much, then the Deponent followed the Child into the other Room, and it ſeemed a little black; the Deponent alſo ſaw it was a Boy.

Mulgrave.

William *Earl of* Craven *Depoſeth,*

THat he attending the King at St. *James's*, the 10th of *June* laſt, in the morning, to receive the Word of His Majeſty; the King had Notice brought him, that the Queen was upon the point of falling into Labour, upon which the King commanded this Deponents Stay and Attendance; and after the ſpace of one hour and ſomething more, this Deponent was, with ſome other Lords of His Majeſties Privy Council, called into the Queens Great Bed-chamber to be preſent at Her Delivery, and as near as this Deponent can remember, the Queen made Three Groans or Squeeks, and at the laſt of Three was delivered of a Child; the which was carried out into the little Bed-chamber, and there by the Fire this Deponent ſaw it cleanſing: And this Deponent further ſaith, That he took that particular Mark of this Child, that he may ſafely aver, that the Prince of *Wales* is that very Child that then was ſo brought out of the Queens Great Bed-chamber, where this Deponent and others were preſent, as aforeſaid, at Her Majeſties Labour and Delivery.

Craven.

Lewis *Earl of* Feversham *Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty the* Queen Dowager, *Deposeth*,

THat being in Bed upon the 10th of *June*, between 8 and 9 a clock in the morning, Mr. *Nicholas*, one of His Majesties Grooms of His Bed-chamber, came into this Deponents Room, and told him that the King had sent him to tell the Queen Dowager, that the Queen was in Labour, and told him further, that the Queen Dowager had given order for Her Coach, as soon as she heard the News of the Queens Labour. The Deponent dressed himself with all speed, and came to wait upon the Queen Dowager, who was ready to go into her Coach, as she did; The Deponent went into one of her Coaches to wait upon Her Majesty as he used to do, having the honour to be Her Lord Chamberlain; We went to St. *James's*, and then led Her Majesty into the Queens Bed-chamber, and finding the Queen in pain, the Deponent went into the next Room, where were several Lords of the Privy Council, from whence the Deponent heard the Queen cry out several times, and a very little after the Lords of the Council were called in, and the Deponent followed them into the Bed-chamber, and a very little after the Queen cryed louder, and then said, Pray do not tell me what it is yet. The Deponent went out of the Room to tell the News, that the Queen was brought to Bed; and when the Deponent came in again, the News was, that it was a Prince; and immediately the Deponent saw Mrs. *Labadie* with the Child wrapt up in her hands, and in the Croud; upon which the Deponent desired to make room for the Prince, and followed her into the little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent saw the Prince as a Child newly born, as he believed it.

Feversham.

Alexander

Alexander *Earl of* Morray, *Depoſeth*,

THat he came not to St. *James's* till half an hour after the Queen was brought to Bed, and only heard that Her Majeſty was brought to Bed of a Prince, which the Deponent verily believes, as he is alive, ſhe brought into the World that very morning, being the 10th of *June* laſt, 1688.

Morray.

Charles *Earl of* Middleton *one of His Majeſties principal Secretaries of State, Depoſeth*,

THat the 10th of *June* laſt paſt, betwixt 8 and 9 of the Clock in the morning, he had notice that the Queens Majeſty was in Labour; whereupon the Deponent made what haſte he could to St. *James's*; The Deponent found the Earl of *Craven* waiting at the Queens Bed-chamber door towards the Drawing Room, which was then ſhut; juſt after the King opened it, and called the Earl of *Craven* and the Deponent in; The Deponent asked His Majeſty, How the Queen was? He was pleaſed to anſwer the Deponent, you are a married Man, and ſo may know theſe Matters; The Water is broke or come away, or to that effect; and then bid the Deponent go into the Dreſſing Room within the Bed-Chamber, where the Deponent found ſeveral Perſons of Quality; above half an hour after, to the beſt of this Deponents Memory, all the company in that Room were called into the Bed-chamber; the Deponent ſtood near the Beds Feet on the left ſide, where he heard the Queens Groans, and preſently after ſeveral loud Shreeks; the laſt, the Deponent remembers continued ſo long, that he then wondred how any body could hold their Breath ſo long; preſently after, the Deponent heard them ſay, the Queen was delivered: Whereupon the Deponent ſtepped up to the Bed-ſide, and ſaw a Woman, he ſuppoſes, the Midwife, kneeling at the other ſide of the Bed, who had her Hands and Arms within the Bed-clothes

clothes for a pretty while, then the Deponent ſaw her ſpread a Cloath upon her Lap, and laid the end of it over the Bed-clothes, and then fetch a Child (as the Deponent firmly believes, for he could not then ſee it,) out of the Bed into that Cloath, and give it to Mrs. *Labadie*, who brought it round to the ſide where the Deponent ſtood, and carryed it into a little Room, into which the Deponent immediately followed the King, and ſaw her ſit down by the Fire, and heard her ſay, It is a Boy; upon which the King ſaid, let me ſee it; thereupon ſhe laid open the Cloath, and ſhewed all the Child, ſaying, There's what you wiſh to ſee; The Deponent doth not charge his Memory with the very Words, but the ſenſe of what he heard. The Deponent looked upon the Child at the ſame time, which appeared to be very foul. This Deponent deſireth pardon if he doth not know the proper Expreſſion, but hopes his meaning is plain.

Middleton.

John *Earl of* Melfort, *Depoſeth*,

THat on Sunday the 10th of *June* laſt, betwixt 8 and 9 in the Morning, the Deponent was informed, that the Queen was in Labour; The Deponent went to St. *James*'s, and waited in the Queens Drawing-Room till ſome of the Gentlemen told him he might go in; the Deponent ſcratched at the Door of the Bed-chamber, and finding no anſwer, he ran down by the Garden-ſide and came to the Queens Back-ſtairs, and finding the Dreſſing-Room door open, the Deponent went in to the Queens Bed-chamber, where he ſaw a great number of company, Lords and Ladies ſtanding about the Bed: The Deponent heard the Queen cry out in great pain, as Women uſe to do when they are near being brought to Bed; the Deponent heard her complain, and a Womans Voice which the Deponent thought to be the Midwife, telling Her, ſhe would be quickly well, ſhe would be brought to Bed imme-

immediately; within a little the *Deponent* heard the Ladies behind the Bed ſay, the Queen was brought to Bed, and the Queen cry out, The Child is dead, I do not hear it cry, and immediately the Child cryed; within a little the Deponent ſaw a Woman bring a Child from within the Bed; the Deponent looked ſo earneſtly at the Child, that he knew not what Woman it was; the Child was in the Condition of a new born Child, lapt up in looſe Clothes; the Deponent ſaw him carryed into the little Bed-chamber, and went about by the Dreſſing-Room, and entred by the other door into the Room where the Prince was, and ſaw him in the condition of a New Born Child; and the Deponent by the Oath he hath taken, believes him to be the Queens Child.

Melfort.

Sidney *Lord* Godolphin, *Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, Depoſeth,*

THat he was called into the Queens Bed-chamber, with the reſt of the Lords of the Council, being one of the laſt; and the Queen Dowager being there, and ſeveral Ladies, the Room was ſo full, that the Deponent could not get near the Bed, but ſtood by the Chimney; There the Deponent heard the Queen cry out ſeveral times, as Women uſe to do that are in Labour; and the laſt cry that the Deponent heard, was much greater than the other; immediately upon that, the Deponent was called out of the Room, to give ſome Directions about the Lodgings that were preparing for the Child, which were not ready; the Deponent made haſte back again, but as he was coming, he met People running with the News that the Queen was deliver'd of a Son, whereupon the Deponent went into the little Bed-chamber, and ſaw the Child.

Godolphin.

Sir Stephen Fox, *Knight, Depoſeth,*

THat on Sunday the 10th of *June* laſt paſt, about 9 of the Clock, as he came out of the Chappel at *Whitehall* after the firſt Sermon, hearing that the Queen was in Labour, he, the Deponent, made haſte to St. *James's*, becauſe in waiting, as an Officer of the green Cloth, to warn the ſeveral Servants below ſtairs to be in their Offices, that upon that occaſion there might not happen to be any thing wanting of Houſhold Proviſions and Neceſſaries under his, this Deponents, command; but firſt going up by the Back-ſtairs into Her Majeſties Dreſſing-Room, and being there with many others, he heard Her Majeſty cry out very loudly; whereupon this Deponent haſtned to the *Green-Cloath*, and ordered the ſeveral Servants to deliver out of their ſeveral Offices whatſoever ſhould be called for, and as this Deponent was returning back to the Queens ſaid Dreſſing-Room, he was told, A Prince was Born: Upon which News, He, this Deponent, went into the Queens little Bed-Chamber, and ſaw the young Child before He was dreſs'd.

Ste. Fox.

Lieut. Col. Edward Griffin, *Depoſeth,*

THat upon *Sunday*, the 10th. of *June* laſt, he had the Honour to be in waiting upon the King with the Stick, and between 8. and 9. in the Morning, this Deponent was in the Queens Dreſſing-Room at St. *James's*, with ſeveral Lords of the Council, and after ſome time we were there, the King came out of the Queens Bed-Chamber, and called all the Lords in, and this Deponent

nent went in along with them, being in Waiting; Immediately after the ſaid Lords and this Deponent were in the Room; the Queen cried out extreamly, and ſaid, *Oh, I die; you kill me, you kill me*: And the Midwife (as this Deponent believeth) anſwered, *This one Pain, Madam, and 'twill be over*; then preſently Mrs. *Dawſon* made this Deponent the Sign that the Child was born: Then this Deponent heard the Queen ſay, *Don't tell me what it is yet*; and Mrs. *Dawſon* came to this Deponent, and whiſpered him in the Ear, *'Tis a Prince, but don't take Notice of it yet.* Then Mrs. *Delabadie* brought away the Child from the Bed-ſide, and carried it into the little Bed-Chamber, and the King and the Lords of the Council went after her, but this Deponent did not follow them.

Edward Griffin.

Sir Charles Scarburgh, *Firſt Phyſician to the King, Depoſeth,*

THat upon the Deponents coming to viſit Her Majeſty then lying at St. *James's*, on Sunday the 10th of *June*, 1688. as the Deponent went up the Back-Stairs, he heard the joyful Acclamation that a Prince of *Wales* was born, upon which the Deponent haſtned preſently into the little Bed-Chamber, where the Deponent found Mrs. *Labadie* juſt ſetting down before the Fire, with the New Born Prince wrapped in the Mantles, lying in her Lap. Then paſſing to the Queen in the next Bed-chamber, the Deponent congratulated the happy Birth of the Prince, and her Majeſties ſafe Delivery. The Queen was wearied and panting, but otherwiſe in good condition: Then the Midwife brought to the Deponent the *After-Birth* reeking warm, which Sir *Thomas Witherley* with the Deponent examined, and found very ſound and perfect. After a while, the Deponent underſtood

ſtood that a Medicine was mentioned among the Ladies for a certain Remedy againſt Convulſions: It was, ſome drops of blood from the Navel-ſtring; the *Deponent* conſulted Sir *Thomas Witherley* and the other Phyſicians; and to ſatisfie the Women, it was allowed of; there being, as was conceived, no danger in the thing. Whereupon, the Midwife, with a ſmall Knife ſlit the Navel-ſtring beyond the Ligature, from which came ſome drops of freſh blood, taken in a Spoon, and given the Child, being mix'd with a little *Black-Cherry-Water*. Thus much the *Deponent* hath to ſay upon Her Majeſties preſent delivery.

Now for the Time of the Queens Conception, ſhe often told the *Deponent* and others, That She had two Reckonings; one, from *Tueſday* the 6th. of *September*, when the King return'd from His Progreſs to the Queen then at *Bathe*; and the other, from *Thurſday* the 6th. of *October*, when the Queen came to the King at *Windſor*; but for ſome Reaſons the *Queen* rather reckoned from the latter; though afterward it proved juſt to agree with the former. Moreover, Her Majeſty, when, according to Her Reckoning, She was gone with Child Twelve Weeks, ſaid, That She was quick, and perceived the Child to move; the *Deponent* returned no Anſwer to the *Queen*, but privately told thoſe about Her, That in truth it could not ſo be in ſo ſhort a Time, Yet the *Queen* was in the right, only miſtook Her Reckoning; for She was then full ſixteen Weeks gone with Child; about which time She uſually quickned with Her former Children, and accordingly was brought to bed on the 10th. of *June* 1688. and within Three or Four days of full Forty Weeks.

Charles Scarburgh.

Sir Thomas

Sir Thomas Witherly, *second Physitian to the King Deposeth,*

THat on *Sunday* the Tenth of *June*, the Deponent was present in the Queen's Bed-Chamber when the Prince of *Wales* was Born; the Deponent saw Mrs. *Labadie* bring the Child from the Midwife, and carry him into the next Room, whither the Deponent followed her, and saw the Child before he was cleaned; and having a Command from the Queen, that there should be two drops of the Blood of the Afterburthen given the first thing; We the said Deponent and the other Physitians did take two drops of Blood from the Navel-string which remained upon the Child, and gave it in a Spoonful of Black-cherry-Water, as the Queen Commanded. After this the Deponent saw (as also did the other Physitians) the After-burthen entire.

Tho. Witherley.

Sir William Waldegrave *Kat. Her Majesties first Physitian Deposeth,*

THat in the Progress of Her Majesties being with Child, the Deponent having the Honor to wait upon her as usual, upon the 13*th.* of *February* 1687. about Ten in the Morning, she told the Deponent, she had Milk in her Breasts which dropt out; it was then thought the 19*th.* Week according to One Reckoning, but according to Another Reckoning, it was the One or Two and Twentieth Week; The Deponent also affirmeth, that Her Majesty took such Adstringent Medicines, during the most part of her being with

 Child,

Child, in order to avoid Miscarriage; That if she had not been with Child, they must have been prejudicial to her Health, and of dangerous consequence. Upon the 10th. of *June* 1688. the Deponent was called at his Lodging in *Whitehall* to wait upon the Queen, being told she was in Labour, upon which the Deponent immediately went to St. *James*'s, and so into the Queen's Bed-Chamber, and found her beginning her Labour, it being about Eight of the Clock in the Morning; The Deponent stirr'd not from thence, but to get such Medicines as were fit for Her Majesty, and then return'd again, and was in the Bed-Chamber when she Cry'd out, and was Deliver'd; The Deponent followed Mrs. *Delabadie*, who took the Prince in her Arms so soon as he was Born, and carried him into the little Bed-Chamber, where the Deponent saw him upon her Lap, and was by when he took two or three drops of the Navel-string fresh warm Blood, which was mix'd with Black-cherry-Water, then return'd into the great Bed-Chamber, where the Deponent saw the After-burthen fresh and warm.

William Waldegrave.

Dr. Robert Brady, *one of His Majesties Physitians in Ordinary Deposeth,*

THat a little before Ten of the Clock in the Morning, on the Tenth of *June* 1688. the Deponent was in the Queen's little Bed-Chamber at St. *James*'s, where the Deponent saw the Prince of *Wales* in Mrs. *Labady*'s Lap by the Fire side; the Deponent desired to see the Linen and Blankets opened in which he was wrapped; which being done, the Deponent saw it was a Male Child, and the Navel-string hanging down to, or below the Virile parts, with a Ligature upon it, not far from the Body, but did not see any After-burthen,

burthen, hanging at, or joyned to it, not being at the Birth; The Deponent asked how long he had been born, the ſtanders by told him, At three quarters of an hour after Nine of the Clock, the Queen was Delivered.

Robert Brady.

James St. Amand, *their Majeſties Apothecary, Depoſeth,*

THat from the beginning of *November* laſt, he hath generally every day, till the 9th of *June*, 1688. given, by the Phyſitians Orders, Reſtringent and Corroborating Medicines to the Queens Majeſty; That on the 10th of *June* he was ſent for in haſte to come to St. *James*'s to her Majeſty, who the Meſſenger told him, was in Labour; That the Deponent then received a Note from the Phyſitians for Medicines for her Majeſty, which the Deponent was obliged to ſtay and prepare, and ſo came not to St. *James*'s till the Queen was Delivered; the Deponent meeting, juſt as he was going into the Bed-Chamber, Mrs. *Labady* with the Young Prince in her Arms; the KING, and ſeveral of the Lords, ſoon after following into the little Bed-Chamber; where the Deponent ſaw the Child Naked, before it was Cleanſed from the Impurities of its Birth; and alſo ſaw the Navel-ſtring cut, and ſome Drops of freſh Blood received into a Spoon, which the Deponent mingled with a little Black-cherry Water, and ſaw given by the Phyſitians Orders to the Child; And afterwards going into the great Bed-Chamber, where the Queen was Delivered, he ſaw the After-Burthen, *&c.* freſh.

Ja. St. Amand.

After

After these Depositions were taken, His Majesty was pleased to acquaint the Lords, That the Princess *Anne* of *Denmark* would have been present; but that she being with Child, and having not lately stirred abroad, could not come so far without hazard. *Adding further,*

AND now, My Lords, although I did not question but every Person here present was satisfied before in this Matter; yet by what You have heard, You will be better able to satisfie Others. Besides, if I and the Queen could be thought so Wicked as to endeavour to impose a Child upon the Nation, You see how impossible it would have been; neither could I My Self be imposed upon, having constantly been with the Queen during Her being with Child, and the whole time of Her Labour. And there is none of You but will easily believe Me, who have suffered so much for Con-

Conſcience-ſake, uncapable of ſo great a Villany, to the Prejudice of My Own Children. And I thank God, that thoſe that know Me, know well that it is My Principle to do as I would be done by, for that is the Law and the Prophets. And I would rather die a Thouſand Deaths, than do the leaſt Wrong to any of My Children.

His Majeſty further ſaid,

IF any of My Lords think it neceſſary the Queen ſhould be ſent for, it ſhall be done. *But their Lordſhips not thinking it neceſſary, Her Majeſty was not ſent for.*

IT is Order'd this day by His Majeſty in Council, That the ſeveral Declarations here before made by His Majeſty, and by her Majeſty the Queen-Dowager, together with the ſeveral Depoſitions here entred, be forthwith Enrolled in the Court of Chancery. *And the Lord Chancellor is Ordered to cauſe the ſame to be Enrolled accordingly.*

IN Purſuance of which Order in Council, the Lord Chancellor on *Saturday* the 27*th*. Day of *October* following in the High Court of *Chancery* (many of the Nobility and Lords of his Majeſties moſt Honorable Privy Council being there preſent) cauſed the aforeſaid Order of Council and Declarations of His Majeſty and likewiſe that of Her Majeſty the Queen-Dowager to be openly and diſtinctly Read in Court, as the ſame are Entred in the Words aforeſaid, in the Council Book. And the Lords and Ladies, and other Perſons who made the reſpective Depoſitions aforeſaid, being preſent in Court, were Sworn again, and having heard their ſeveral Depoſitions diſtinctly Read in the Words aforeſaid, and being ſeverally Interrogated by the Court to the Truth thereof, they all upon their Oaths affirmed their reſpective Depoſitions to be True; and did likewiſe Depoſe (except ſome few, who came in late to the Council Chamber, or ſome who ſtood at too great a diſtance) that they heard His Majeſty, and Her Majeſty the Queen-Dowager make the ſeveral Declarations aforeſaid, and that the ſame as they had been Read, were Truly Entred as they did believe, in the Council Book, according to the Sence, Intent and Meaning of what His Majeſty the King, and Her Majeſty the Queen-Dowager did then Declare. And foraſmuch as the Earl of *Huntingdon* and the Earl of *Peterborow*, who were able to Depoſe to the Matters aforeſaid, had not been Examined at the Council Board, but had brought their ſeveral Depoſitions in Writing, which they delivered into Court, the ſaid Lord Chancellor, after the ſaid Earls were ſeverally Sworn, Ordered their Depoſitions to be openly Read in theſe Words following.

UPON

UPon *Trinity Sunday*, 10*th. June* 1688. I went to St. *James*'s House about Nine a Clock in the Morning, and followed my Lord Chancellor, through the Lodgings to the Dressing Room, next to the Queens Bed-Chamber, where divers Lords of the Council were met upon occasion of the Queens being in Labour, the King came several times into the Room, and amongst other things was pleased to tell us, that the Queen came exactly according to her first Reckoning, which was from the Kings Return from his Progress, to *Bathe* in *September* 1687. After this the Counsellors were ordered to come into the Bed-Chamber, and I stood on that side of the Bed, that had the Curtains drawn open, I heard Her Majesty Cry out several times. I staid in the Room during the Birth of the Prince of *Wales*. I saw him carried into the little Bed-Chamber, whither the King, the Lords and my self in particular did follow him.

Huntingdon.

I Had the Honor to be in the King's Chamber in the Morning, when word was brought him, the Queen was not well, and followed him into the Dressing Room next Her Majesties Bed-Chamber, where I staid till His Majesty called me to come in, which was about the beginning of her Pains. I Confess the Compassion I had for Her Majesty, hearing her Crys, made my stay there very uneasie, One of the last especially seemed to me so Sharp, as it really forced me for a little time to stop my Ears with my Fingers to avoid hearing more of the like; when setting them at Liberty, I heard no more, but perceived a suddain satisfaction in the Faces of the Assistance, several saying, that the Queen was Delivered, and

soon

ſoon thereupon I ſaw the Prince brought from about the Bed, and carried into the little Bed-Chamber, whether I went afterwards, to behold him more particularly, wherein I ſaw him as a Child newly Born.

Peterborow.

After which the ſaid Earls did ſeverally upon their Oaths affirm their Depoſitions to be True, as they had been Read, and that they were preſent in Council, and heard His Majeſty and Her Majeſty the Queen-Dowager make the ſeveral Declarations aforeſaid, and that the ſame were Entred in the Council Book as they did believe according to the effect true Senſe and Meaning of what their Majeſties Declared in Council; Whereupon His Majeſties Attorny General moved the Court, that the ſaid Declarations of His Majeſty and of Her Majeſty the Queen-Dowager, and the ſeveral Depoſitions, and the Order of Council ſhould be Enrolled in the Petty-Bag-Office, and in the Office of Inrolments in the Court of Chancery, for the ſafe Preſervation and Cuſtody of them, which the Lord Chancellor Ordered accordingly.

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